

BMV-issued identification card in his or her possession.

- (iii) Operation Restrictions: A motorized bicycle may not be operated on an interstate highway or at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

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## CHAPTER E

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### DEMONSTRATING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY: TESTING PROCESS:

1. **Special Requirement for Drivers Under Eighteen (18):** Assumption of Financial Responsibility By Parent, Guardian or Other Adult (IC 9-24-9-3,4 and 5):
  - a. **Purpose:** Indiana law requires an individual under eighteen (18) years of age who applies for any permit or license to have the Financial Responsibility Affidavit portion of the license application signed under penalty of perjury by an appropriate adult, usually a parent or guardian.
  - b. **Liability Assumed:** A person who signs the Financial Responsibility Affidavit assumes all legal obligations for injury or damage caused by the operation of a motor vehicle by the minor applicant until the person is eighteen (18) years of age.
  - c. **Who May Sign According to I.C. 9-24-9-3:** The application of an individual less than eighteen (18) years of age for a permit or license under this chapter must be signed and sworn to or affirmed by one (1) of the following:
    1. The parent having custody of the minor applicant.
    2. The guardian having custody of the minor applicant.
    3. If neither parent is living in Indiana and the applicant has no guardian, the person having custody or an employer of the minor applicant.
    4. If there is no parent, guardian, or employer, any other responsible individual who is willing to assume the obligations imposed by the provisions of the chapter.
    5. An individual under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, who is emancipated, must provide proof of financial responsibility and a copy of a court order declaring them emancipated.
  - d. **Identity:** The individual assuming financial responsibility must show proof of identity and date of birth.

- e. **Termination of Financial Responsibility:** Assumption of financial responsibility can be terminated in three ways:
- (i) The minor turns eighteen (18) years of age;
  - (ii) The death of the person who signed the affidavit in which case the minor must obtain the signature of another qualified person; or
  - (iii) The person who assumed financial responsibility submits by mail an affidavit, available at all license branches, revoking assumption of financial responsibility addressed to: Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Driver Services, Room N405, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
2. **Vision Screening Requirements:** All applicants for a license or permit are required to satisfy the minimum vision standards established by the Bureau. This is true even if the applicant is renewing an existing license.
3. **Written Examinations:**
- a. **When Required:**
- (i) Applicants for a validated learner permit: a written examination is required when the applicant is applying for a validated learner permit and/or
  - (ii) First-time license applicants: a written examination must be successfully completed when a person first applies for each particular driver license type (i.e., operator, chauffeur, or public passenger chauffeur license) and/or;
  - (iii) If an Indiana license is expired for two (2) years or more.
- b. **Contents of the Written Examination:**
- Written examinations are based on information contained in this manual, especially the “rules of the road” portion of this manual. Passage of the written examination demonstrates basic understanding of Indiana traffic laws and safe driving techniques.
- Written examinations consist of a test having multiple choice questions. If you fail to pass a test, you must wait twenty-four (24) hours before you may take the test again. **An applicant can not take the road test until he or she successfully passes the written test.**

*Please see the back of this manual to review sample questions.*

**All applicants must be able to understand highway signs and markers as they are displayed on Indiana roads and highways, in the English language.**

- c. **Written Knowledge Examination for CDL holders:** The written knowledge examinations for a CDL are considerably different in type and substance than the other written examinations. Please refer to the Commercial Driver License Manual for more information concerning written examinations required for a CDL.

#### **4. The Drive Test:**

- a. **When Required:** The following applicants for an Indiana operator license must take a roadway test of the person's ability to operate a vehicle safely conducted by a BMV driver examiner:
  - (i) Persons holding an Indiana learner permit unless the person qualifies for the driver education drive test waiver described in subsection b. below;
  - (ii) New Indiana residents who hold an out-of-state license which has been expired for more than one (1) year;
  - (iii) New Indiana residents who hold an out-of-country license;
  - (iv) Indiana residents whose driver license has been expired for three (3) or more years; or
  - (v) As required by BMV.
- b. **The Driver Education Drive Test Waiver:**
  - (i) The BMV shall waive the road test requirement for a person who has passed a driver education class and a road test given by a commercial driver school or high school driver education program, if such school or program participates in the Bureau's waiver program as described in 140 IAC 4-4-89. The individual must still complete an application and qualify for an operator license and successfully complete the vision screening and written tests.
  - (ii) **Loss of the Waiver Privilege:** The waiver is not available if the driver education learner permit expires (i.e. more than a year has passed) prior to the application for an operator license; or the applicant fails to pass the written or electronic test.
    - (A) the applicant has a grade in classroom or driving instruction of B- or below indicated on the driver education learner permit.

- c. **Drive Test Scheduling:** To serve new drivers efficiently, driver examiners perform drive tests on an appointment-only basis. Therefore, it is important that new applicants for an operator license call the license branch they intend to visit at least ten (10) to fourteen (14) days in advance to set up an appointment. Please note: BMV driver examiners cannot administer drive tests when weather conditions are hazardous.
- d. **Requirements Before the Drive Test:** Upon successful completion of the the vision and written knowledge tests, the Driver Examiner will administer the drive test providing that the following conditions are met:
- (i) The applicant must provide a vehicle;
  - (ii) The vehicle must be legally equipped, and in safe and clean condition;
  - (iii) The vehicle provided is properly registered; and
  - (iv) The applicant must be able to demonstrate to the driver examiner that he or she is able to understand highway warnings or direction signs in the English language (9-24-2-34).
  - (v) Present a written test affidavit;
  - (vi) Applicant's driver status must be "valid."
- e. **General Components of the Drive Test:** BMV driver examiners use a standardized form to evaluate an applicant's ability to operate a vehicle safely. After inspecting the vehicle and ensuring that it can be safely and legally operated, the examiner will accompany the applicant in the front passenger seat. **Only the applicant and the examiner and an examiner supervisor or trainer will be allowed in the car.** The following list has some of the actions that result in failure of the drive test:
- (i) Speeding
  - (ii) Failure to obey road signs or traffic laws
  - (iii) School Zone rules
  - (iv) Failure to stop for school buses with the stop arm extended
  - (v) Straddles marked lanes
  - (vi) Too close to pedestrians, bicycles or vehicles
  - (vii) Left of center
  - (viii) Failure to pullover for emergency vehicles
  - (ix) Runs off roadway
  - (x) Backs over curb when parallel parking
  - (xi) Having an accident or making contact with another vehicle
  - (xii) Fails to react to hazardous driving conditions
  - (xiii) Fails to yield right of way

- (xiv) Showing that driving ability does not meet requirements
- (xv) Failure to follow instructions
- (xvi) Accumulation of eleven (11) points

Applicants failing the drive test must wait fourteen (14) days before another drive test may be administered.

## 5. Restrictions on the Driver License:

- a. **Purpose/Summary:** In many instances restrictions may be placed on a driver license. These restrictions allow persons to operate a vehicle but only under conditions that ensure safety to the driver and to the public. The most common restriction is restriction “A”, which requires the driver to wear glasses or contact lenses when operating a vehicle. Restrictions appear in the lower left-hand corner of the data portion of the driver license and are described on the back of the license. If you have any questions pertaining to a restriction on your license, please contact your local license branch.

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## CHAPTER F

### IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR NON-DRIVERS:

**Availability:** The BMV offers identification cards for Indiana residents who are non-drivers. The identification card looks similar to a standard driver license except that it is clearly marked as a non-driver identification card at the top of the document. To obtain a non-driver identification card, the applicant must meet the requirements for proof of identity and date of birth. Persons any age may obtain a non-driver identification card.

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## CHAPTER G

### LICENSE RENEWALS AND AMENDMENTS, DUPLICATE LICENSES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF NOTIFYING THE BMV OF ADDRESS CHANGES:

1. **License Renewal:** A person may renew his or her driver license at any license branch during the six (6) month period prior to the expiration of the license. If your license has expired please refer to the proof of identity requirements to determine whether the expired license alone will satisfy as proof of identity. All applicants for renewal of a license must pass the vision-screening test. There are no other eligibility requirements except as follows:
  - a. If a person renewing an operator license has not reached twenty-one (21) years of age, or has accumulated six (6) or more active “points” on his or